

മിസ്റ്റർ പതുർ അച്ചുതമേനോൻ: അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് പ്രാചീന ലിപികളെപ്പറ്റി ജ്ഞാനമുണ്ടെന്ന് സമ്മതിക്കാമെങ്കിലും കൊച്ചിയിൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ജ്ഞാനമുള്ളവർ ഇല്ലെന്നാണോ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ധരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഇവിടെയും അറിയാവുന്നവരുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പതുർ അച്ചുതമേനോൻ: പിന്നെ എന്തിന് അവരോടൊക്കെയുപേക്ഷാതെ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലേക്കു പോയി?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഇതിലും കൂടുതലായ വിവരങ്ങൾ ധരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ അശക്തനാണ്.

PUBLICATION OF IMPORTANT NEWS RELATING TO COCHIN

290. Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin Christians-Ernakulam*):

- (a) Are the Government aware that important matters relating to Cochin Government sometimes appear in some of the Madras daily newspapers several days earlier than they do in the local dailies; and if so,
- (b) will the Government be pleased to explain this strange phenomenon?

Mr. K. V. Menon (*Publicity Officer*): (a) Yes. Sometimes they do.

(b) This is largely due to the ability of the correspondents of such newspapers. It is well-known that efficiency in reporting varies from newspaper to newspaper.

TRIPPUNITTURA—DRAINAGE CANAL—OPENING OF

291. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*):

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether the question of opening a drainage canal through Trippunittura was placed before the Irrigation Board at its recent meeting;
- (b) if so, what was the decision of the Board in the matter;
- (c) when do the Government propose to start the work of opening the canal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (a) The drainage scheme for Eroor, Nadamel, etc., villages was placed before the Irrigation Board for their opinion.

(b) The Board were of opinion that in view of the re-construction of the Karingochira bridge recently, the canal through Trippunittura town need alone be opened now and that the canal will meet the needs of the situation. After opening the canal the effect may be watched and if need is felt then the canal along the Kodakulangara *veli* may be considered.

(c) Government have to examine the feasibility of the suggestions made by the Board before a decision can be arrived at in the matter.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Sir, with regard to the opening of this canal, had not the Government an opportunity of examining its possibility before?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The estimates of the canal have been prepared and are now in the possession of the Government. The financial commitments of the scheme have to be examined.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): My question was whether they had an opportunity before of examining the estimates and also the feasibility of opening this canal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): They had not examined the question of cost and other things connected with the scheme.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): May I know, Sir, how long this examination will take?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice. In fact it is my intention to place the question again before the Government with another report and I think they may come to a decision before the next budget is passed.

COCHIN-TRAVANCORE WATER-BORNE TRADE—MONOPOLY BY TRAVANCORE BOATS

292. **Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** (*Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that.—

(a) Travancore country boats monopolise the carrying trade between the Port of Cochin and the various parts of Travancore;

(b) that these boats do not pay anything to our State; and

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government kindly take steps to collect some sort of fees from them?